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SUBJECT: State Case Registry

Section 311 of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, Public Law 104-193 (PRWORA or Welfare Reform), amended Section 454A of the Social Security Act to require states to include in their automated systems a state case registry (SCR). SCR was created to contain records of each child support case and each support order established or modified in the state on or after October 1, 1998. As a result, revisions were made to Kentucky Revised Statute (KRS) 205.712 effective July 14, 1998, to conform to these requirements.

SCR must interface with the Federal Case Registry (FCR) which is maintained in the Federal Parent Locator Section (FPLS). The FCR and SCR interface serves to automatically transmit and receive child support information for all IV-D cases and non-IV-D orders entered or modified after October 1, 1998. **This interface will allow states to access, in a timely manner, the most reliable information ever available on interstate child support cases.**

SCR contains information on both IV-D and non-IV-D orders. Case record information for all cases and orders contained in SCR must include standardized data elements for both parents, such as names, social security numbers, other uniform identification numbers, dates of birth, case identification numbers, and other information as may be required by the Secretary of Health and Human Services. In



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addition, as a result of the Taxpayer Relief Act, Public Law 105-34, SCR must contain the birth date, and beginning not later than October 1, 1999, the social security number of any child for whom a support order is established.

When a support order is or has been established for a IV-D case, SCR's case record must also include (a) a record of the amount of monthly (or other periodic) support owed under the order, and other amounts (including arrearages, interest, late payment penalties, or fees) due or overdue under the order; (b) any amounts owed which have been collected; (c) the distribution of the collected amounts; and (d) the amount of any lien imposed with respect to the order.

Section 454(26) of the Social Security Act requires the state plan to have safeguards in effect which are designed to protect the privacy rights of persons involved in title IV-D child support cases, including cases involving domestic violence or child abuse. Therefore, states are required to include a family violence indicator as a data element in SCR. This family violence indicator will reflect that a state has reasonable evidence to believe that the person(s) to whom the indicator is attached is at risk of physical or emotional harm if information regarding his or her location(s) is released. The family violence indicator is intended to protect victims of domestic violence or child abuse. Detailed information concerning the family violence indicator will be forthcoming.

The purpose of SCR is to use the information it contains to conduct information comparisons. Each state is required to use its automated system (of which SCR is an integral part) to extract information from, to share and compare information with, and to receive information from, other data bases and information comparison services. This information will enable the state agency, the Secretary, or other state or federal agencies to carry out information comparison activities as required by Section 454A(f) of the Social Security Act. Such information comparison activities include the following:

1. Furnishing information on child support cases recorded in the SCR to the FCR and updating that information when necessary.
2. Exchanging information with FPLS for location purposes.

3. Exchanging information with state agencies (of Kentucky and other states) administering programs funded under Title IV-A, and programs operating under a state plan approved under Title XIX, and other programs designated by the Secretary as necessary to perform state agency responsibilities.
4. Exchanging information with other agencies of Kentucky, agencies of other states, and interstate information networks for the purpose of the state plan for child and spousal support.

States are required to use the data in SCR to conduct automated comparisons of social security numbers reported by employers to the State Directory of New Hires and social security numbers appearing in the records of SCR for cases being enforced under the state plan. This information is used to locate individuals for purposes of establishing paternity, and establishing, modifying, and enforcing child support obligations.

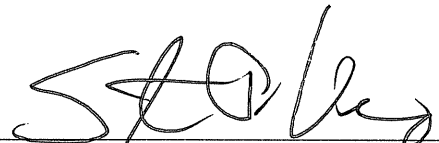
The data in SCR must also be used to generate and transmit an income withholding notice to an employer to collect child support payments.

In addition, Section 466(a)(5)(M) of the Social Security Act requires each state to have "procedures under which voluntary acknowledgments and adjudications of paternity by judicial or administrative processes are filed with the State registry of birth records for comparison with information in the State case registry."

Establishment of SCR and FCR has implications for virtually every stage in the child support enforcement process. The information contained in these registries will assist states in locating delinquent noncustodial parents or obligors, establishing paternity, and establishing, enforcing, and modifying child support obligations. This will result in an increase in child support collections.

Further information concerning SCR will be forthcoming.

A copy of House Bill 161 is attached to Information Memorandum 98-14 (June 5, 1998).

  
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